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GENERAL

1. US representative's views on Dutch plan for Indonesia -- US representative Cochran in Batavia considers that the latest Dutch proposals for restoration of the Republican government, as outlined in a letter from Netherlands Foreign Minister Stikker to UK Foreign Secretary Bevin, are "weak and unconvincing." Cochran recommends that the US strictly insist upon prompt Dutch compliance with the Security Council resolution calling for restoration of the Republican government in Jogjakarta and free functioning of the government there.

EUROPE

2. GREECE: Foreign Office views on Macedonian issue—According to US Embassy Athens, the Greek Foreign Affairs Ministry is considering the possibility of making energetic representations to the Satellites because of recent Communist moves regarding Macedonia. Members of the Foreign Ministry reportedly believe that such moves represent a plan to lop off Greek Macedonia and bring about Tito's fall by depriving him of Yugoslav Macedonia. These officials therefore consider that these moves have created an "infinitely more grave" situation than did the formation of the Markos junta during the winter of 1947-48. US Embassy London reports that Foreign Secretary Bevin is considering making a statement in Parliament designed to discourage proclamation of an autonomous Macedonia.

MEAR EAST-AFRICA

3. PALESTINE: Israeli invasion unconfirmed by UN observers— US Charge Stabler in Amman reports that preliminary accounts from UN observers in the area indicate Israeli forces have not crossed into Transjordan territory. Stabler adds, however,



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that government circles in Transjordan have been badly shaken by Israeli actions in the Negeb. According to Stabler, there are indications that Transjordan officials, though possibly still willing to conclude a peace agreement at Rhodes despite Israeli occupation of the Negeb, are uncertain whether Israel will cease its expansion moves and are fearful of an attack on the Arab-controlled area in north central Palestine. Stabler urgently recommends that the US warn the Government of Israel of the serious consequences upon its relations with the US if Israel undertakes this or any other aggressive action.